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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Michael Cuff

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,5,6,8,9 and 11-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,5,6,8,9 and 11-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipate by Clancey et al.

The toolkit includes a knowledge base with a dictionary of domain-specific terms, which can be selected by a user to create and edit a report. The toolkit can also assemble predefined reports that can be customized with one or more editing tools (methods of application). The toolkit can be used to help frame, formulate, and interpret an analysis for common business purposes. (means for interpreting business information, helping) In the implementation described, the toolkit manages electronic spreadsheets using a knowledge base that represents how terms in domain-specific

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reports (i.e., financial statements) are related (reconciled). This toolkit enhances an Excel spreadsheet by managing information and models and providing an interface between spreadsheets (cell and formulas, dynamic spreadsheet) and databases (inputs, data input unit). The toolkit provides a library of reusable components (objects, concepts) that contains definitions of numeric calculations in terms of business, organization, product, geographic, and time relations (5Ms). The toolkit allows a user to easily create a standardized report based upon a predefined template or to create an arbitrary, syntactically and semantically correct report from the terms contained within the built-in dictionary, which may be customized with user synonyms. The toolkit also creates an input spreadsheet that can be used to link all non-calculated cells appearing in a report to a user-supplied database. The input spreadsheet readily allows a user to perform what-if analyses.

Claims 3, 6, 9, and 11-13 recite claim limitations, which are “descriptive material” per MPEP 2106, IV, B, 1, (b). As such the “descriptive material” is not a process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter. Therefore very little patentable weight has been given to these claim elements.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 1/12/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant asserts that the prior teaches separate spreadsheets. Applicant's figure 1 also has separate spreadsheets.

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Applicant asserts that the prior art does not reconcile. The examiner is considering the "using a knowledge base that represents how terms in domain-specific reports [i.e., financial statements] are related" to be a form of reconciling.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Cuff whose telephone number is (571) 272-6778. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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